SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 747

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Mittie Mae Wiley Williams, who is retiring after 56 years of outstanding service as a teacher for the Kennard Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, Mittie Williams was born February 10, 1927, in Crockett; she earned a bachelor's degree from Texas College and a master's degree from Prairie View A&M University; she also earned certification in special education from Stephen F. Austin State University; and

WHEREAS, In 1947, in the days of segregation, Mittie went to work as a teacher at the Kennard Black School, where she taught for 18 years; she joined the faculty of the Kennard White School one year before it was officially integrated, and she remained with the Kennard Independent School District throughout her highly successful career; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Mittie has devoted her life to the education of young people, and she has been directly and indirectly responsible for hundreds of students continuing their education by attending college after graduating from high school; and

WHEREAS, Mittie Williams has long held the respect and admiration of her colleagues and her community for making a difference in the lives of countless students, and her presence with the Kennard Independent School District will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Mittie Mae Wiley Williams for her hard work on behalf of the children of our state and her exemplary service to the Kennard Independent School District and extend best wishes to her for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 16, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate